

King Urges All-Out Drive To Wipe Out Segregation

CHICAGO (UPI)—The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. said Wednesday it is "most gratifying to Negroes" that America's white churches are beginning to take a more active part in the fight against segregation.

He said a hard-hitting campaign for racial justice by hitherto "apathetic" religious bodies will encourage Negroes to continue their struggle by non-violent means, and prevent their drifting into movements such as the Black Muslims which feed on "an atmosphere of despair."

'Historic' Conference

King, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and pioneer Negro leader of non-violent resistance to segregation, made the statement to reporters in commenting on the importance of a "National Conference on Religion and Race" in progress here.

"This conference is one of the most significant and historic ever held in this nation," he said. "For the three major religious faiths to come together to discuss ways and means of breaking down racial barriers is a most encouraging development."

The conference, first of its kind in U.S. history, is sponsored jointly by the National

Conference of Churches, the National Catholic Welfare Conference, and the Synagogue Council of America. Representatives of 70 Protestant, Catholic and Jewish organizations are participating in the four-day meeting, which will end Tuesday.

King said the churches and synagogues can do a number of things to "speed the transition to an integrated society."

He said they can "remove the yoke of segregation from their own bodies" by eliminating all racial barriers in worship, and in the staffing and admissions policies of church-related institutions such as hospitals and schools.

They also can combat racial discrimination in housing by "educating their members" to accept Negro families in white neighborhoods without hostility or panic, he said.

King approved of President Kennedy's recent executive order banning discrimination in federally assisted housing. But, he said, it is not strong enough and should be broadened.

Shriver Speaks

Sargent Shriver Jr., director of the Peace Corps, addressed the conferees Tuesday night and suggested that church members could tithe their time and form

volunteer religious units to work to eliminate racial barriers in the United States.

Shriver, brother-in-law of President Kennedy, raised a question of why clergymen cannot map out specific programs for their congregations.

"Suppose 5,000 congregations in America were to set up volunteer groups to combat racial prejudice and eliminate racial tensions in 5,000 precincts throughout America," Shriver said.

Such religious volunteers, he said, would invite Negro families to social functions and would obtain entry for Negroes into previously all-white neighborhoods.

Salary Increases Approved by Board

BEAVERTON (AP)—The school board Monday night approved a \$200 increase in the base pay for teachers.

The raise will increase the lowest pay to \$4,700 a year. There will be proportionate increases for higher paid teachers up to the top of \$8,400.

The teachers had asked for a minimum starting salary of \$5,000.



(AP Wirephoto)

On Deck

Lt. Charlene Suneson, who joined the Navy recruiting office in Columbus, Ohio, last weekend, is somewhat of an oddity in the Navy. She is the first and only Wave to serve as a line officer aboard a Navy vessel. The native of Chicago came to Columbus from the transport General Mann.

Five Killed In Air Crash

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP)—Five of six men on a twin-engine plane were killed Monday night when it crashed on the ice pack three miles east of the Barter Island airstrip.

The survivor was Edwin R. Rich, Granite City, Ill. He was flown to a Fairbanks hospital where his condition was reported as serious.

The dead included three Air Force officers identified as Maj. Paul F. Hart, Yuba City, Calif.; Maj. Charles F. Packer, Lancaster, Ohio; and Capt. Lester L. Mahon, Dunkirk, N. Y.

The others were Wilson M. Sibley, Portsmouth, Va., and A. H. Thompson, 48, a pilot who had been flying for Wien Alaska Airlines, which owned the plane, since 1956.

Thompson is survived by a wife and two children in Yakima, Wash. An older son, Robert, is attending the University of Alaska in Anchorage.

Rich was a DEW line site manager at Point Barrow for the Federal Electric Corp., which maintains the defense warning network. Sibley was the company's site manager at Barter Island.

A. E. Hagberg, vice president of the airline, said the group was returning from a 650-mile flight to Cape Parry, in the Northwest Territories of Canada, after a conference.

The Constellation Again

3 Men Lose Legs On U.S. Carrier

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (AP)—Eleven crewmen of the disaster-prone carrier Constellation were injured in an aircraft landing accident. Two of them lost both legs, another one leg.

In a little more than two years, 56 men have been killed and 20 injured on the 75,000-ton warship.

The latest accident occurred Tuesday when a steel arresting cable snapped and whipped across the deck as a jet fighter attempted a landing.

'Cracked Whip'

"It was like a cracked whip," said a flight surgeon. "It had a guillotine effect. There was no time to get out of the way." The accident occurred during

landing tests as Comdr. H. S. Matthews, 41, of nearby Coronado, was coming in for a landing. The carrier was 110 miles west of San Diego.

The cable, supposed to snag the jet, broke.

Matthews gunned his engine, took off and flew to Miramar Naval Air Station.

Chief Aviation Boatswain's Mate Eugene Williams, 37, of nearby National City, and Airman Gordon D. Buckman, 19, of Grand Island, N.Y., lost both their legs. Ens. Leroy G. Hudson, 31, of San Diego, lost his right leg. Others suffered broken limbs and deep cuts.

Other Accidents

The Navy said an arresting engine sheave failed, causing the cable to break.

Fifty men were killed when the ship burned on Dec. 19, 1960, while under construction in the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

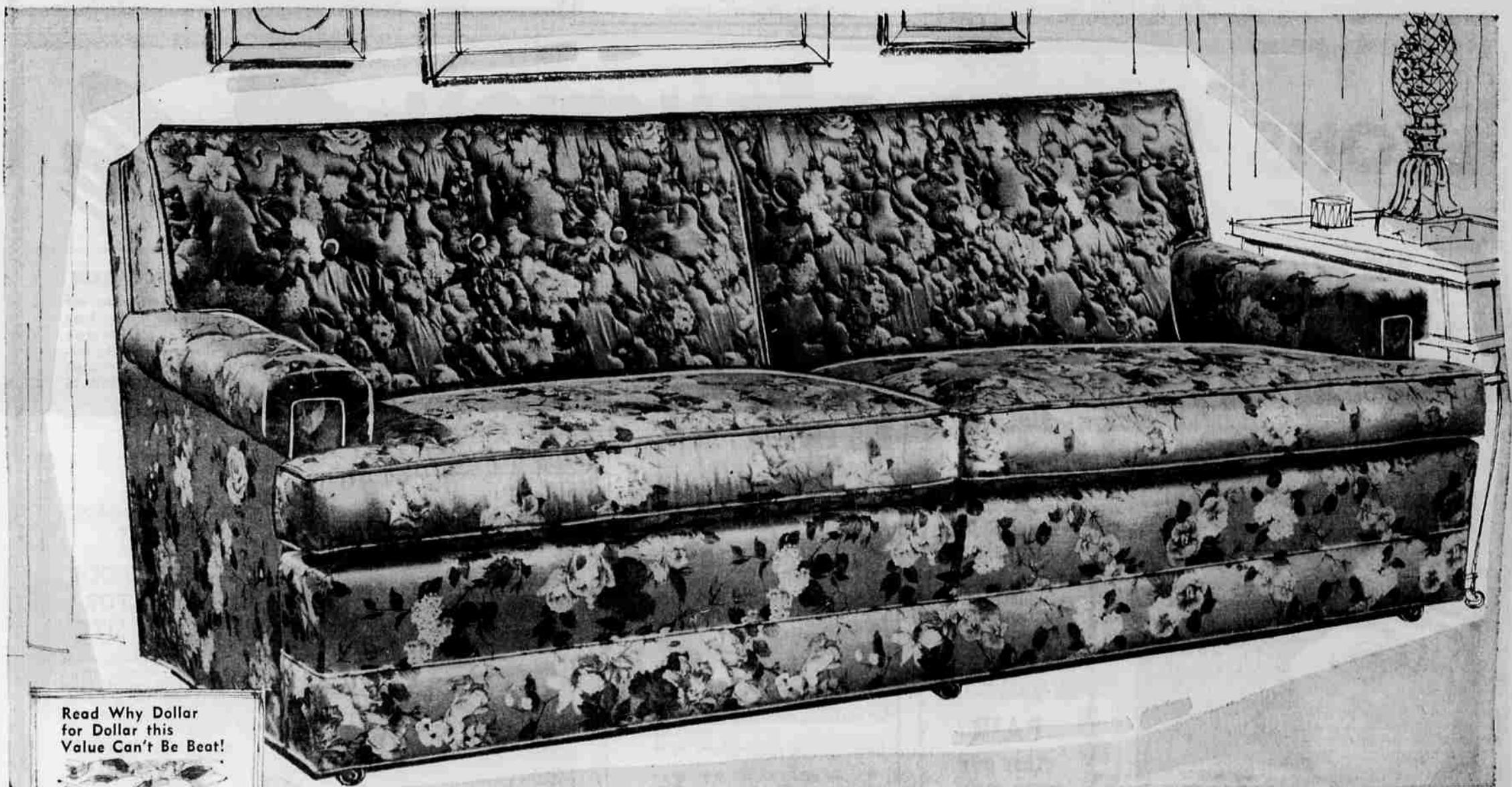
Two workers fell from a scaffold on her at the same yard and were killed in May 1961.

Four men were killed and nine injured in an engine room fire Nov. 8, 1961, when she was sailing 60 miles southeast of New York City.

Clean Bridges

SAIGON (AP)—South Viet Nam has some of the world's cleanest bridges because of the Communist guerrilla war. Government bridge sentries stop all motorists and pedestrian litterbugs and make them sweep and clean the bridge immediately.

The practice was initiated to thwart Viet Cong attempts to throw explosives on bridges.



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